areas. In view of the fact that for the latter the rules of election have been changed so as to make assessment the basis of the qualification and not actual payment, it is necessary that the rules regarding the qualifications of voters of Urban Constituencies of the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council should be suitably modified.

Necessary Notifications will issue in the matter.

M. SESHADRI,
For *General Secretary to Government.*

Electoral Rolls of the Representative Assembly and Legislative Council.

ORDER NO. REL. 301-14—R. A. 15-26-1, DATED 11TH NOVEMBER 1926.

Doubts having been expressed regarding the preparation and publication of Electoral Rolls of the Legislative Council and the Representative Assembly, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore are pleased to direct that the rolls may be prepared either in English or Kannada, whichever is more convenient and that their publication need not necessarily be in the Gazette. It would, for instance, be sufficient if, in territorial constituencies, electoral rolls are published in the Deputy Commissioners' Offices, Sub-Division Offices and the Taluk Offices and in the Chavadis of some of the principal villages such as hobli headquarters and copies are also made available to the public on payment. In some cases, on the other hand, it may be desirable that the Electoral Rolls should be published in the Gazette as, for instance, in the case of the Legal Interests and the Mysore University.

As a general rule, Government are pleased to direct that in the case of territorial constituencies, the Electoral Rolls relating to them may be prepared either in Kannada or in English and they may or may not be published in the Gazette. Ordinarily their publication in the Official Gazette will not be necessary.

In the case of special interests and minority associations, it would probably be desirable to prepare the Electoral Rolls in English and publish them in the *Mysore Gazette.*

The existing rules will be modified in accordance with these general instructions and issued in time for the ensuing elections.

M. SESHADRI,
For *General Secretary to Government.*

Qualifications of Voters to the Legislative Council.

READ—

Paragraphs Nos. 26 and 40 to 49 of Government Order No. 1367-1426—C. B. 100-23-1, dated Camp Mysore, the 27th October 1923, fixing the qualifications of voters to the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council.

Proceedings of the Dasara Session of the Representative Assembly of 1925 containing the discussions on a resolution moved by Messrs. Md. Abbas Khan, Paramasiviah and N. G. Sanjiviah, recommending that in future elections, the property qualifications of voters and candidates prescribed for the Legislative Council in the Rural Constituencies be so reduced as to make them correspond with those fixed for elections to the Representative Assembly.

ORDER NO. REL. 323-332—L. C. 3-26-1, DATED 11TH NOVEMBER 1926.

In paragraphs Nos. 26 and 40 to 49 of the Government Order read above, Government have fixed the qualifications of the voters to the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council in accordance with the recommendations of the Reforms Committee. The main difference in the qualifications of the two sets of voters consists in the fact that the property qualifications of voters from rural areas to the Legislative Council are fixed twice as high as those of the corresponding voters to the Representative Assembly.

At the Dasara Session of the Representative Assembly of 1925, a resolution was moved by Messrs. Md. Abbas Khan, Paramasiviah and Sanjiviah that the qualifications should be made uniform so that the electorate of the Legislative Council may be the same as that of the Representative Assembly. After considerable discussion, the resolution was passed unanimously by the House and Government promised to consider the matter and issue orders in time for the preparation of the next electoral rolls.

Government have considered the question and are of opinion that there is much to be said in favour of the resolution. A change in accordance with the wishes of the Representative Assembly will have the effect of enlarging the electorate of the Legislative Council. Government are, therefore, pleased to accept the resolution. Necessary notifications will issue modifying the qualifications of the voters to the Legislative Council.

This modification will not, however, affect the candidates who may stand for election to the Legislative Council. In their case, the existing qualifications will continue unchanged.

M. SESHADRI,
For *General Secretary to Government.*

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Mysore State Provident Fund.

READ—

Letter No. 63—S. P. F., dated 12th October 1926, from the Comptroller to Government, submitting the report on the working of the Mysore State Provident Fund for the year 1925-26.

(Printed as annexure.)

ORDER No. FL. 3626-85—G. F. 183-26-2, DATED 12TH NOVEMBER 1926.

Recorded.

Government note with pleasure that the number of subscribers has increased by 137 and that the closing balance is also higher by Rs. 1,27,559.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Financial Secretary to Government.

ANNEXURE.

I have the honor to submit the following report on the working of the Mysore State Provident Fund for the year 1925-26.

1. *Number of Subscribers.*—The number of subscribers at the commencement of the year was 2,738. During the year under report, 249 persons were admitted as members, of whom 36 were compulsory subscribers. One hundred and twelve persons ceased to be members leaving 2,875 subscribers at the close of the year.

2. *Receipts.*—The amount subscribed during the year was Rs. 1,36,459-8-2 as against Rs. 1,18,670-13-4 in the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 17,788-10-10.

3. *Temporary Advances.*—Temporary advances were granted to 676 subscribers, the amount advanced in the year being Rs. 87,531 as against Rs. 80,665 in the previous year. The repayment of temporary advances amounted to Rs. 84,934-10-0 as against Rs. 66,611-14-0 during 1924-25.

In Government Order No. Fl. 5838-5902—G. F. 212-25-2, dated 8th April 1926, Government have ordered that except for strong reasons to be recorded in writing by the sanctioning authority, no new advance will be allowed, until at least twelve months have elapsed since the date of the previous advance. The effect of this order in reducing the number of temporary advances will be reported in the next report.

4. *Withdrawals.*—There were 112 cases of withdrawals from the fund during the year of which 67 were due to retirements, 29 to deaths, 11 to resignations and 5 to dismissals. The amounts thus withdrawn aggregated Rs. 40,364-5-8 as against Rs. 58,879-4-2 in the previous year.

5. The financial position of the fund on 30th June 1926, stood as follows:—

				Rs.	a.	p.
Opening Balance on 1st July 1925				5,95,614	9	11
Subscriptions during the year				1,86,459	8	2
Repayment of temporary advances				84,934	10	0
		Total		8,17,008	12	1
Withdrawals during the year—	Rs.	a.	p.			
Permanent	40,364	5	8			
Temporary advances	87,531	0	0			
		Total		1,27,895	5	8
		Balance		6,89,113	6	5
Interest for 1925-26				34,159	9	9
Closing Balance on 30th June 1926				7,23,273	0	2

6. *Nominations.*—During the year under report there were 82 nominations, the total number registered from the beginning being 1,450. The parties are being apprised in the Annual Statements of Accounts sent to them of the benefits of nomination.

7. Annual advices to subscribers regarding the state of their account are being issued.

8. Government have definitely ordered in their letter Nos. Fl. 7198—G. F, 106-25-4, dated 25th June 1926 and Fl. 2776—G. F. 50-26-2, dated 29th September 1926, that the deposits in this fund, whether voluntary or compulsory, are exempt from all liability, whether Government or private.

9. In Notification No. Fl. 1339—G. F. 48-26-2, dated 17th August 1926, Government ordered the reduction of interest on Provident Fund Deposits from 5½ to 5 per cent with effect from 1st March 1927.